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SECRETARY CALLAGHAN

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE
SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN:
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR JIM: AS I INDICATED AT THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL
MEETING, WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO EFFORTS BY THE ALLIES TO
REACH EARLY AGREEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE RESULTS FOR STAGE II
OF CSCE. IN RECENT ALLIED DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA AND NATO,
WE APPRECIATED THE INTEREST SHOWN IN OUR PROPOSAL FOR MORE
PRECISELY DEFINING ALLIED CSCE OBJECTIVES. BUT WE
REGRETTED THAT MOST DID NOT SHARE OUR VIEW THAT THE ALLIES
SHOULD FURTHER REFINE THEIR CSCE POSITIONS IN TIME TO
PRESENT THEM WHEN CSCE RESUMES IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.
NONETHELESS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALLIED
NEGOTIATING POSITION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED
IF THE ALLIES WERE IN A POSITION, SOON AFTER RESUMPTION OF
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CSCE, TO STATE CLEARLY OUR OBJECTIVES SO THAT THE EASTERN

PARTICIPANTS CAN CONSIDER THE CONCESSIONS THEY WOULD NEED TO MAKE TO MEET ALLIED CONCERNS.

ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC STEPS TO CARRY FORWARD ALLIED EFFORTS TO DEFINE THEIR CSCE POSITIONS MORE CLEARLY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO BASKET 3 ISSUES AND CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. CONCERNING OTHER ASPECTS OF CSCE, I BELIEVE THAT A WIDE MEASURE OF ALLIED CONSENSUS ALREADY EXISTS, AND THAT THE EAST IS AWARE OF OUR OBJECTIVES.

WITH RESPECT TO BASKET 3, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PARTICULARLY HAVING YOUR EARLY REACTIONS TO THE FOUR REVISED TEXTS WE CIRCULATED TO THE ALLIES IN GENEVA. THESE TEXTS, WHICH DEAL WITH WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS, THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL, BROADCAST AND FILMED INFORMATION, AND ACCESS TO READING ROOMS, REFLECT OUR EFFORT TO BALANCE BASIC ALLIED OBJECTIVES AGAINST THE LIMITATIONS ON SOVIET FLEXIBILITY IN THESE MATTERS, AND TO DEVISE FORMULATIONS OFFERING A BASIS FOR REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

FURTHER, YOUR CONSIDERATION OF WAYS TO CARRY FORWARD NATO DISCUSSIONS OF COMPROMISE APPROACHES TO THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES WILL BE IMPORTANT IN DEFINING OBJECTIVES. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE MUCH APPRECIATE THE UK'S INITIATIVE IN TABLING RECENTLY IN NATO A PAPER ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES.

FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN NATO, INCLUDING WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS WITH HEADS OF CSCE DELEGATIONS IN SEPTEMBER, AND DISCUSSIONS AMONG OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA WILL ALLOW US, I HOPE, TO RECORD EARLY PROGRESS IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE ALLIES IN CSCE THIS FALL. MOREOVER, WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW TOGETHER CSCE OBJECTIVES IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BE IN NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AS I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO PROCEED. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.
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